

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT COMPLETION FOR
STATE-ADMINISTERED SHOPP PROJECTS, ON THE STATE HIGHWAY
SYSTEM, PER SHOPP GUIDELINES
WAIVER 23-73**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project completion for three State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) projects, as described in the attachment?

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the Commission extend the period of project completion for three SHOPP projects, as described in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2020, the Commission allocated \$21,310,000 in Construction Capital (CON/CON Support) for the attached three SHOPP project phases. These projects were awarded in June and July 2020. In accordance with the SHOPP Guidelines (Guidelines), the deadline to complete the Construction Contract Acceptance (CCA) for projects awarded in June and July 2020 is June 30, 2023, and July 31, 2023, respectively. Because the Department will not meet these deadlines, the Department is now requesting time extensions to complete CON. The attachment shows the details of the projects and the delays that have resulted in these time extension requests.

Current SHOPP Guidelines stipulate that the Department request a time extension if the project will not be completed within 36 months after award. The Commission may approve waivers to the timely use of funds deadline one-time only for up to 20 months.

Attachment

*"Provide a safe and reliable transportation network that
serves all people and respects the environment."*

**Time Extension/Waiver – Project Completion for
State Highway Operation and Protection Program**

Project Number: 1
County: Mendocino
District: 01
PPNO: 4710
EA: 0A841
Route: 271
Allocation Amount: \$205,000
Phase: CON/CON Support
Allocation Date: 06/24/2020
Allocation Resolution Number: FP-19-95
Award Date: 06/24/2020
Number of Months Requested: 42 Months
Extended Deadline: 12/31/2026
Department Recommendation: Support

SHOPP Bridge Preservation project

The Department requests a 42-month time extension to complete the CON phase for the SHOPP Bridge Preservation project, in Mendocino County. The Department has experienced unexpected delays in completing construction.

This project is located in the City of Piercy, from 0.7 mile north of the State Route 271 (SR 271)/United States Highway 101 (US 101) Separation Bridge (No. 10-0217), to 0.4 mile south of Sidehill Viaduct (No. 10-0100), and intends to perform environmental mitigation. The project has a deadline of June 30, 2023, to complete CCA.

This is an environmental mitigation project for the McCoy Creek Bridge Replacement project (EA 01- 0A840). The project's environmental permits include a Water Quality Certification from the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board and a California Department of Fish and Wildlife permit. These permits require a 5-year maintenance and monitor of work, beginning one year after reaching CCA of the parent project (EA 01-0A840). Unfortunately, the Department missed the opportunity to request additional time at the time of allocation.

The parent project EA 01-0A840 reached CCA on September 26, 2019, in February 2021, this environmental mitigation project was initiated and is anticipated to reach CCA by December 2026.

Therefore, the Department is requesting a 42-month time extension, as an exception to the Guidelines, to allow sufficient time to complete the perform safety reviews and finalize CCA from June 30, 2023 to December 31, 2026.

Project Number: 2
County: Butte
District: 03
PPNO: 2295
EA: 3H720
Route: 70
Allocation Amount: \$18,700,000
Phase: CON/CON Support
Allocation Date: 03/25/2020
Allocation Resolution Number: FP-19-61
Award Date: 06/16/2020
Number of Months Requested: 7 Months
Extended Deadline: 01/31/2024
Department Recommendation: Support

SHOPP Collision Reduction project

The Department requests a 7-month time extension to complete the CON phase of the SHOPP Collision Reduction project, in Butte County. The Department has experienced unexpected delays in completing construction.

This project is located on SR 70, in the City of Oroville, from 0.2 mile north of Cox Lane to 0.1 mile north of Palermo Road/Welsh Road. The project intends to widen two-way left-turn lanes, install and construct a permanent message sign and standard shoulders and provide a clear roadside recovery zone.

The delay in project completion was due to complications regarding the permanent message board. The materials for the sign, steel to construct the sign, and the electrical components were delayed due to supply and material shortages prevalent in the current environment. There was also a delay with Pacific Gas and Electric Company providing a power supply to the sign after it was constructed. When PG&E provided the power supply and the sign was attempted to be turned on, some of the electrical components did not function properly and had to be replaced. As a result, additional time is needed to get the new electrical components to replace the faulty ones. The Department anticipates reaching CCA by the end of January 2024.

Therefore, the Department is requesting a 7-month time extension to allow sufficient time to complete construction and finalize CCA from June 30, 2023 to January 31, 2024.

Project Number: 3
County: Los Angeles
District: 07
PPNO: 4816
EA: 31160
Route: 134
Allocation Amount: \$2,405,000
Phase: CON/CON Support
Allocation Date: 05/13/2020
Allocation Resolution Number: FP-19-76
Award Date: 07/29/2020
Number of Months Requested: 17 Months
Extended Deadline: 12/31/2024
Department Recommendation: Support

SHOPP Storm Water Mitigation project

The Department requests a 17-month time extension to complete the CON phase of the SHOPP Storm Water Mitigation project, in Los Angeles County. The Department has experienced unexpected delays in completing construction.

This project is located on SR 134, in the cities of Burbank and Los Angeles, from 0.1 mile west of Bob Hope Drive to Victory Boulevard/Riverside Drive. The project intends to stabilize soil and control erosion.

This project includes a one-year to complete CON and three years Plant Establishment Period (PEP). Unfortunately, the Department missed the opportunity to request additional time to complete the CON and PEP at the allocation date due to an oversight.

The project was awarded in July 2020. However, construction could not begin due to COVID-19 pandemic related delays due to workers' safety. This led to a dually (the Department and the contractor) agreed upon, 4-month temporary suspension of the project. In addition, the project encountered added work within the project limits, for the repair of significant vandalism and removal of excessive trash from unsheltered citizens who inhabited the work site, and impacted the stage of construction. The vandalism included significant damage to the water and power supply lines which were repaired by the Department's maintenance staff. This impacted the project's schedule. The PEP began on December 2021, and it is anticipated to be completed by December 2024.

Therefore, the Department is requesting a 17-month time extension to allow sufficient time to complete construction, PEP, perform safety reviews and finalize CCA from July 31, 2023 to December 31, 2024.